

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)

Proposed/Final Site

Rule Publication Month Year

SITE NAME | **City, State (or county if no city)**
County (or blank if above)

Site Location:

- Very brief -- include approximate location; can also mention primary function of facility as identifier or geographic reference (north slope of the Rocky Mountains).

Site History:

- Site type (mine, smelter) and brief history-- no need to mention all tenants/owners, just the relevant ones.
- Brief explanation of origin of contaminants/contamination – but no need to give detailed explanations about manufacturing processes, etc.
- Include current facility status -- is it abandoned? When did it shut down? Is there a park there now? Etc?

Site Contamination/Contaminants:

- This section should only include names of contaminants and in what media they were found.
- Spell out contaminant abbreviations.
- Do not discuss sampling and sampling data.
- Do not use statements like “sampling event detected the presence of X contaminant in the silty layer.” Instead say “Soil is contaminated with X.”
- Do not use numerical data -- No ppm figures, etc. -- instead, explain in relative terms (above or below the Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic).

Potential Impacts on Surrounding Community/Environment:

- Who/what is (potentially) affected? Include number of residents or endangered species (potentially) affected.

Response Activities (to date):

- Do not include any activity that is speculative or planned. Provide info on only those activities that have occurred.
- Sampling or ESI is not a response activity.
- Attribute the response activities to the agency/department that undertook them. Who performed them? When? At whose request? (In 2005, at the request of the state, EPA installed temporary water filters at 53 residences.)
- No agency-speak – the public may not understand that a removal action means constructing a fence -- just say what the actual response action was (EPA constructed a fence around the property in 2005).

Need for NPL Listing:

The state of xxx referred the site to EPA because (...fill in...). Other federal and state cleanup programs were evaluated, but are not viable at this time because (...fill in...). EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from the state, (*also list names of tribes, local governments, community groups, etc., if supportive of listing*).

General Guidelines:

- Please keep the narrative summary to ONE page.
- Your audience is members of Congress and the general public. Keep it simple and concise.
- Do not use HRS terminology or overly scientific terms – write it at an **8th grade** level.
- Do NOT have your contractor write the narrative or take language from SI or site characterization form.
- Do not dramatize or make the site sound overly scary. Avoid words like “significant”.
- Avoid using the following words: impacted, detection, elevated, sampling results.

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